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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT NYERERE ENDORSES VIOLENCE NOW IN RHODESIA AIMED AT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT LATER. HE ASKS FOR US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO GET OUT OF NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT NYERERE ASKED ME TO JOIN HIM EVENING MARCH 15 FOR MEETING WITH VISITING AMERICAN JAMES P. GRANT, PRESIDENT, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. IN COURSE TWO HOUR SESSION, NYERERE AND GRANT HAD WIDE-RANGING AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

3. SELECTED POINTS OF INTEREST WERE (A) STRONG PITCH BY
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GRANT THAT NYERERE, WHO HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN ENSURING THAT

BENEFITS OF FOREIGN AID REACH MASS OF HIS PEOPLE, SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN GETTING OTHER "FOURTH WORLD" LEADERS TO DO SAME, AND (B) GRANT'S SPONTANEOUS CITATION OF DAMAGE DONE TO FOREIGN AID CAUSE IN US BY TANZANIA'S UN STAND ON PUERTO RICO.

4. NYERERE TOOK BOTH IN GOOD PART, SAYING HE WASN'T SURE HOW MUCH INFLUENCE HE HAD WITH OTHER "FOURTH WORLD" LEADERS AND HE "DIDN'T KNOW MUCH" ABOUT PUERTO RICO. HE THEN TURNED TO DESCRIPTION OF HIS PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION WITH RUSSIANS AND CHINESE, AND LAUNCHED INTO ALMOST LYRICAL PRAISE OF "BOURGEOIS HUMAN VALUES" (E.G., DISCUSSION, DISSENT, PRAGMATISM) WHICH, HE SAID, HE HAD TOLD RUSSIANS THEY SHOULD BE SEEKING ACQUIRE FROM US RATHER THAN MERELY BUYING WESTERN TECHNOLOGY.

5. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION AT END OF SESSION ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND SOUTH AFRICA, FROM WHICH GRANT HAD JUST COME, NYERERE SAID TO ME: "WHEN WE NEXT TALK, THERE WILL BE TWO THINGS I WILL WANT TO ASK YOU. FIRST, BE PATIENT ON RHODESIA. THERE IS NO HOPE OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT NOW. WE MUST FIRST HAVE A CLARIFICATION OF STRENGTH WITH SMITH. THEN WHEN HE IS READY TO CRUMBLE, LET THE BRITISH HAVE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE OR LET US USE ANY MECHANISM THAT IS AVAILABLE TO BRING A NEGOTIATED CHANGE TO MAJORITY RULE. SECOND, CAN'T YOU PLEASE PRESS VORSTER TO LET NAMIBIA GO NOW? THE UN FRAMEWORK EXISTS; VORSTER WOULD WIN BACK SOME BONA FIDES; AND WE WON'T HAVE TO SUPPORT VIOLENCE BY SWAPO AS WE ARE NOW SUPPORTING IT WITH THE ANC GUERRILLA COMMAND."

6. I SAID I WOULD BE AT PRESIDENT'S DISPOSAL ANYTIME BUT WOULD APPRECIATE A FEW DAYS TO "COLLECT MY THOUGHTS". HE SAID, "ALL RIGHT. NEXT WEEK."
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